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Our Lady of the
Miraculous Medal

Paul Wintersheid, Fr. Dan Jones, Jerry Mahony
at the Nob Hill Community Center in Colorado Springs
February 11, 1973

Southeast corner of my house
210 South 2nd St. in Westcliffe
late autum 1972

Due to the generous and time-consuming efforts of Warren, Evelyn and Catherine Spencer in Colorado Springs some 400 copies of my initial newsletter were mailed out. The couple score of responses I received have encouraged me to get busy and get out this issue.

On June 29, 1973, Bishop Buswell of Pueblo sent me a letter stating that he was suspending me for refusing to use the New Order of the Mass. A priest can only be suspended for doing something which is seriously wrong. I'm bound in conscience not to use the New Order of the Mass for reasons which are contained in the enclosed pamphlet "Questioning the New Mass" and enclosed photo-copies of pages 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Oct.Nov. 1973 issue of WORLD TRENDS. In short "it is rationally certain that the traditional Latin rite has not been abolished. It is rationally certain that the New Order of the Mass has no force of law. It is, therefore, rationally certain that no priest can be licitly and validly suspended for celebrating the former and refusing the latter."

The Traditional Catholics of Houston now number 100 families. The November 24, 1973, issue of The VOICE, 4900 Butler Road, Canandaigua, N.Y., carries some very encouraging news about them and the progress being made by traditional Catholics around the world. Father William Daly from Wheeling, Illinois, is flying down to provide them with the true Mass December 8th and 9th.

May God bless and keep each and every one of you! May He grant you a Happy Christmas and much grace during the coming year!

Fr. Dan Jones

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les personnes
qui la
porteront
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Paroles de la Sainte Vierge
à Sainte Catherine Labouré
le 27 Novembre 1830

PARIS, FRANCE, NOVEMBER 27TH, 1830.....THE VIRGIN MARY APPEARED TO SISTER CATHORINE LABOURE AND REQUESTED THAT SHE HAVE A MEDAL MADE ACCORDING TO A DESIGN LIKE THAT WHICH YOU SEE ABOVE. THE INSCRIPTION ON THE FRONT OF THE MEDAL READS: "O MARY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE RECOURS TO THEE." THE MEDAL HAS SINCE COME TO BE KNOWN AS THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL. TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS LATER, IN 1858, IN THE PICTURESQUE MOUNTAIN TOWN OF LOURDES, SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES SOUTH OF PARIS, THE SAME LADY FROM HEAVEN APPEARED TO A YOUNG GIRL NAMED BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS. OUR LADY APPEARED TO HER SOME 18 TIMES BETWEEN FEBRUARY 11TH AND JULY 16TH. DURING THE 16TH APPARITION, ON MARCH 25TH, 1858, THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION, THE LADY IDENTIFIED HERSELF TO BERNADETTE. SHE SAID, "I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION." SEVERAL YEARS AFTER THESE APPARITIONS, BERNADETTE BECAME A NUN AT THE CONVENT OF ST. GILDARD IN NEVERS, A TOWN SITUATED NEAR THE GEOGRAPHICAL CENTER OF FRANCE. SHE DIED THERE IN 1789, AND WAS BURIED. HER BODY WAS EXHUMED OCTOBER 23RD, 1909, AND FOUND TO BE PERFECTLY INCORRUPT. IN 1925 BERNADETTE WAS BEATIFIED AND HER BODY WAS PLACED IN THE SPECIAL CRYSTAL CASE YOU SEE IN THE PHOTOGRAPH. BERNADETTE WAS CANONIZED A SAINT IN 1933.

I WAS SENT TO EUROPE TO DO POST-COLLEGE STUDY IN THEOLOGY FROM 1964 TO 1968. DURING THESE YEARS I VISITED NEVERS, FRANCE, SEVERAL TIMES AND SAW ST. BERNADETTE'S BODY. IT LOOKED ALMOST AS IF SHE WERE ONLY ASLEEP. ALSO, IN PARIS I SAW THE BODY OF ST. CATHERINE LABOURE WHICH IS LIKEWISE INCORRUPT. HER BLUE EYES, THOUGH, ARE WIDE OPEN LOOKING UP TOWARD HEAVEN.